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Attached is an IDS and accompanying documents for Serial No. 09/934,244, filed August 21, 2001, entitled **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MITIGATING INTERRUPTIONS DURING TELEVISION VIEWING**.

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